

Jefferson County Board of Education

Parent/Student Internet Access Agreement for Students

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a legally binding document.

Due to the nature of the Internet, it is neither practical nor possible for the Board of Education to enforce compliance with user rules at all times. Accordingly, parents and students must recognize that students will be required to make independent decisions and use good judgment in their use of the Internet. Therefore, parents must participate in the decision whether to allow their children access to the Internet and must communicate their own expectations to their children regarding its use. Available precautions will be taken to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information, but we believe the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network for outweighs the possibility that users may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of the school system.

As a parent/guardian of this student, I have read the **Internet Appropriate Use** regulations and this **Internet Access Agreement that is located at <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/PolicyListing.aspx?S=4095>** :

- I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and that the school will attempt to discourage access to objectionable materials and communications that are intended to exploit, harass or abuse students. The Jefferson County School System uses a firewall on the network to prevent access to questionable material. However, I recognize it is impossible for the Jefferson County School System to restrict access to all objectionable material, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired or contact made on the network.
- I understand that a variety of inappropriate and offensive materials are available over the Internet and that it may be possible for my child to access these materials if he/she chooses to behave irresponsibly. I also understand that it is possible for undesirable or ill-intended individuals to communicate with my child over the Internet, that there is no practical means for the school to prevent this from happening, and that my child must take responsibility to avoid such communications if they are initiated. While I authorize the staff to monitor any communications to or from my child on the Internet, I recognize that it is not possible for the school to monitor all such communications. I have determined that the benefits of my child having access to the Internet outweigh potential risks.
- I understand that the Board makes no assurances of any kind, whether expressed or implied, regarding any Internet services provided. The Jefferson County School System or individual schools in the system will not be responsible for any damage the student/user suffers. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the student's own risk. The school system specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information or software obtained through its services.
- I understand that any conduct by the below-named student that is in conflict with these responsibilities is inappropriate, and such behavior may result in the termination of Internet access and possible disciplinary action.
- I understand that the school system maintains a website at <http://www.jefferson.k12.ga.us/>, and would like to recognize students on the website, particularly for outstanding accomplishments. Many times, the student's picture will be on the website, but sometimes it is desirable to include the name. At no time will the student's age, address, or telephone number be listed.
- I agree to compensate the school for any expenses or costs it incurs as a result of my child's violation of the **Internet Appropriate Use** regulations.
- I understand and will abide by the attached **Internet Appropriate Use** regulations.

STUDENT:

Student's Name (please print): _____

Student's Signature: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

As the parent/guardian of the above named student, I request that he/she be allowed to access the Internet for educational purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number

Date

The Jefferson County School System has permission to photograph and video the above named child and incorporate his/her picture on the Jefferson County website or other publications. I understand that he/she will only be identified by first and last name, and no age, address, or telephone number will be provided.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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Internet Acceptable Use

It is the belief of the Jefferson County School System that the use of telecommunications, including the Internet, in instructional programs is an educational strategy that facilitates communication, innovation, resource sharing, and access to information. Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational mission, goals, and objectives of the school system.

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that the school system shall be compliant with the “Protecting Georgia’s Children on Social Media Act of 2024” (The Act) and have in continuous operation, with respect to any computers belonging to the school having access to the Internet:

1. A qualifying “technology protection measure,” as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(1) of the Children’s Internet Protection Act of 2000 (CIPA) and is compliant with The Act; and
2. Procedures or guidelines developed by the Superintendent and his/her designee(s), including administrators and/or other appropriate personnel, which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to protect against access through such computers to visual depictions that are
 - i. obscene, (ii) child pornography, or (iii) harmful to minors, as those terms are define in CIPA and The Act. Such procedures or guidelines shall be designed to:
 - ii. Provide reasonable opportunities and procedures for parents/guardians of students to confer and collaborate with school administrators and teachers regarding appropriate internet access for such students;
 - iii. Provide for monitoring the online activities of users to prevent, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;
 - iv. Promote the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
 - v. Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
 - vi. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
 - vii. Restrict minors’ access to materials “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in CIPA and The Act.
 - viii. Provide for students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services, behaviors that may constitute cyber bullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyber bullying.
 - ix. Establish appropriate enforcement measures in response to:
 1. Students against students and school employees who willfully intentionally violate the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such student or school employee was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school-related function, or elsewhere, provided that such measures include disciplinary measures; and
 2. A person who is not a student or school employee who violates the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such person was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere;
 - x. Provide for administrative procedures to: enforce the acceptable-use policy; for administrative procedures to address complaints regarding possible violations of the acceptable-use policy which, at a minimum, require that each complaint is responded to in writing by an appropriate school or local school system official; and provide for expedited review and resolution of a claim that the application of the acceptable-use policy is denying a student or school employee access to material that is not within the prohibition prohibitions of the acceptable-use policy.